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BIANCAMARIA PROZZO ET AL

APPLICATION NO: 09/688,066

FILED: OCTOBER 13, 2000

FOR: COMPOSITIONS FOR PRETREATING
FIBRE MATERIALS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION OF AN APPLICATION UNDER

37 CFR 1.114

This a request for a continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application Serial No. 09/688,066, filed on October 13, 2000, entitled COMPOSITIONS FOR PRETREATING FIBRE MATERIALS by the following named inventors: Biancamaria Prozzo and Peter Seifert

1. Enter the amendment previously filed on April 14, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

2. A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.

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